

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A system for managing data comprising:
- (a) a main office retaining at least one access rule, the main office in communication with at least one remote office;
  - (b) the remote office receiving the at least one access rule from the main office;
  - (c) the remote office communicating with the main office in conformity with the at least one access rule received from the main office.
2. The system for managing data according to claim 1, wherein one of the access rules includes a security access code.
3. The system for managing data according to claim 1, wherein one of the access rules includes a password.
4. The system for managing data according to claim 1, wherein one of the access rules includes verification of login identification.
5. The system for managing data according to claim 1, wherein one of the access rules limits the amount of information the remote office is permitted to access.

6. The system for managing data according to claim 1, wherein the main office further comprises at least one data rule.

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8. The system for managing data according to claim 6, wherein one of the data rules includes a specification for a number of fields.

10 9. The system for managing data according to claim 6, wherein one of the data rules includes a specification for organizing at least one field of data.

10. A system for managing data comprising:

15 (a) a main office retaining at least one data rule and in communication with at least one remote office;

(b) the remote office receiving the data rule from the main office;

(c) the remote office transmitting data to the main office in conformity with the data rule received from the main office.

20 11. The system for managing data according to claim 10, wherein one of the data rules includes a format for a field.

12. The system for managing data according to claim 10, wherein one of the data rules includes a specification for a number of fields.

13. The system for managing data according to claim 10, wherein one of the data rules includes a specification for organizing at least one field of data.

14. The system for managing data according to claim 10, wherein the main office further comprises at least one data rule.

15. The system for managing data according to claim 14, wherein one of the access rules includes a security access code.

16. The system for managing data according to claim 14, wherein one of the access rules includes a password.

17. The system for managing data according to claim 14, wherein one of the access rules includes verification of login identification.

18. The system for managing data according to claim 14, wherein one of the access rules limits the amount of information the remote office is permitted to access.

19. A system for managing data comprising:

(a) a main office retaining access rules and data rules in communication with at least one remote office;

(b) the remote office receiving the access codes and the data codes from the main office;

(c) the remote office transmitting data to the main office in conformity with the access rules and the data rules received.

20. The system for managing data according to claim 19, further comprising two or more remote offices.

21. The system for managing data according to claim 19, wherein the main office communicates with the remote office over the internet.

22. The system for managing data according to claim 19, wherein the main office communicates with the remote office over an intranet.

23. The system for managing data according to claim 19, wherein a change to one of the data rules in the main office causes a substantially similar change in at least one of the remote offices.

24. The system for managing data according to claim 19, wherein a change to one of the access rules in the main office causes a substantially similar change in at least one of the remote offices.

5 25. The system for managing data according to claim 19, wherein the remote office communicates with the main office through a web site and the remote office provides information to the web site.

10 26. The system for managing data according to claim 19, wherein the main office maintains a web site and the remote office retrieves information from the web site.

27. A system for managing data comprising:

(a) a database including a plurality of fields, at least one data element, and at least one function;

15 (b) the function including a first operator and a second operator;

(c) wherein the data element, the first operator and the second operator are all stored on the database.

20 28. The system for managing data according to claim 27, wherein the first operator is stored in a first location, the second operator is stored in a second location different than the first location, and the data element is stored in a third location on the same database.

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29. The system for managing data according to claim 27, wherein the first operator, the second operator, and the data element are stored in a predetermined order that corresponds to the function.

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30. The system for managing data according to claim 29, wherein when the fields are retrieved in the predetermined order, the retrieval produces the function.

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